

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 6/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-6,9-11,14,15,23,25-29,32 and 33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 6/21/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. IDSs filed on 06/21/2007 have been fully considered.

2. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior art Gasser et al U.S. Pat. No. 5,224,163 discloses a method/system for delegating authorization from one entity in a distributed computing system to another for a computing session.

JP2002222251A Motoda, Toshihiro et al discloses an authority delegating type service executing system not needing a confidential relationship between an intermediary system and a server system by providing a processing authority committed to the intermediary system from a user.

However, neither Gasser nor Motoda singularly or in combination discloses the recited feature:

As per claims 1 and 23 "receive an access requirement for accessing the service, the access requirement being received from a relying party that provides the service, determine if the delegation credential is valid for the access requirement, wherein determining if the delegation credential is valid comprises providing the delegation credential to a verification service that compares the delegation credential to pre-existing delegation credentials that correspond to the access requirement, and enable access to the service if the delegation credential comprises a valid delegation credential for the delegate".

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As per claims 11 and 29 "receiving from the delegate, an indication corresponding to a selected delegation credential, sending the selected delegation credential to a verification service that compares the selected delegation credential to permissible delegation credentials for the delegate, using the selected delegation credential to access the service if the selected delegation credential comprises a permissible delegation credential for the delegate".


### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Patents and hoteling.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571 272 6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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